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Berlin's 295, Paris' 1014.

Department concurs approval Allied Kommandatura action prohibiting
GDR travel offices.

We understand present system under which
West Berliners now can visit GDR areas would be continued without visa
offices. Minor modification proposed text which still prevents establish-
ment offices would be acceptable to Department.

On the assumption that QTE undesirables UNQTE are to be denied
entry West Berlin in order maintain public order and prevent incidents,
Department approves AM order to Senat to apply selective restrictions on
temporary basis. Order must be portrayed as in interest public safety, not
as retaliatory measure. Presume SED members resident West Berlin will not
be denied return to GDR after East Berlin trips.

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Department will await results legal study on banning SED. If SED offices not ~~directly~~ closed, stationing heavy continuous guard at SED buildings as protection against understandable anger of West Berlin population might serve similar purpose without necessity to resolve legal problems and without giving appearance retaliation.

FOR BERLIN

News broadcasts just heard reports Senat has taken substantially the actions discussed above. If report ~~that~~ Mission in its discretion should point out to Senat that taking this action unilaterally after requesting co-ordination only invites needless ~~unneeded~~ confusion. In ~~general~~, as set forth above, we agree with actions but for the long haul we must pull in tandem.

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